

ConFurence

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Hello Again!

Welcome back to (comparatively) sunny Southern California, home of the first regular Furry convention in the world -- currently settled in our new home, the Buena Park Hotel and Convention Center. (Our many thanks ahead of time to the Registration, Catering and Sales staff at the BPH for all their hard work helping us set this up!) We hope we can help you have as much fun and surprises this year as ever before -- and that you'll keep coming back to join us!

This year, our special main theme is Music and Mirth -- that which makes you laugh, that which makes you sing. Laughing is perhaps best represented by our Guest of Honor Bill Holbrook, comic strip creator, music by our illustrious filk Guest of Honor, Dr. Jane Robinson. Interestingly, Dr. Jane also fits into our sub-theme this year, Reptilians, being that she's doctored in studying dinosaurs! But dinosaurs are perhaps what our author Guest of Honor, Robert J. Sawyer, is best known for as well. Rounding out the field we have one of our own, cartoonist Mel White -- who's been coming for years anyway, so we surprised her by making her a special guest! Remember, all of our Guests of Honor not only get their own hour to tell you what they've been up to, they start off together at the special Meet The Guests panel at 5:00 pm on Friday in the Lecture Hall (Buena Park Room).

Music and dancing can be found throughout this ConFurence, whether it's at one of several dances (Club Tekno-Fur, Nevermore, Purple Nurple Live), the Cabaret Fur le Dance, or the Friday night Filk Concert. Not to mention food, films, and fun all around! Plus stuff, stuff and more stuff in our busy Den of Dealers. Look for many artistic and writing how-to presentatins, and the ever-poopular Species SIGs (Specian Interest Groups)

where you can meet with fans of your favorite animal type, real or imagined. Remember, we want to see your face there!

Thursday Evening

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Check with your handy Pocket Program (or right here in the Scratching Post) to see what's going on, or just run by the Information Booth on the Mezzanine if you find yourself totally lost! Above all else, have fun during your stay at ConFurence Eight -- and come back in join us in 1998 for ConFurence Nine: Furrries in Love!

Major Attractions and Program Changes

Thursday: 7pm - Matting Artwork Workshop

Artists' Lounge

8pm - Intro to *Werewolf* (The Game)

Gaming Room

9pm - Club Tekno-Fur (Dance)

Buena Park Room

12a - Nevermore (Dance)

Buena Park Room

The Video Theater, Lounges and main SIG Room will be open tonight. Please feel free to stop by, or better yet, volunteer to help the convention set up.

Party Announcements!

We will be printing any and all party announcements here on a first come, first serve basis. Get 'em in ASAP through the regular channels.

Yeah...
Bite Me!

So You Want To Be In The Art Show?

But you didn't sign up before you got here? You may still be able to get some pieces on display if you follow these simple rules.

First off, you have to be a member of ConFurence. I think that if you are reading this issue of the *Scratching Post*, you've got that one down. With your membership, you get one art panel measuring 4' x 4' if there are any still available when you arrive. Of course, those artists who have already signed up may have used all available space and if so, you're out of luck.

Secondly, if space is available, look at your art and decide if it is appropriate for the general public or should be put in the NC-17 section. ConFurence may move inappropriate material to the NC-17 section, but by and large, we permit the artists to make the decision.

Once you have done that, label your artwork with your name and the title of the piece, somewhere on the piece. This is required on every piece of art you submit. Also make sure your art is matted and well protected, ConFurence cannot be responsible for damage to your art due to poor matting.

Bring your art to the show! Our friendly art show staff will assist you on filling out all the paperwork required and in finding a suitable place to hang your artwork. Remember: the last time to hang any art is 2:00pm on Saturday, anything

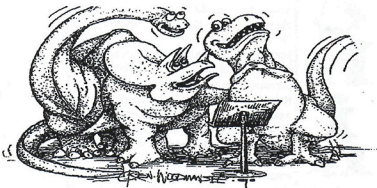
submitted after that time will be rejected.

If you follow these simple rules, your art show experience should be a very positive one.

Special Announcement!

Well-known furry sculptor and tailor-maker Julie Bowman is presenting a special workshop on working with fake fur and fabrics called "Making Your Own Furry". This extensive four-hour workshop will begin at 5:00pm on Friday, upstairs in the Artist' Lounge. Talk to Julie at her Den of Dealers table for more information.

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Ok, I give up, why the MST3K stuff?

A couple of good reasons. First off, MST3K and ConFurence are the same age. Both have had (or are having) eight years of popularity and a "test" year, both are extremely popular within the fandom and, heck, we just like it.

You don't? Yeah, bite me fanboy.

Don't forget!
Be environmentally
conscious!
Recycle!
Bins available throughout
ConFurence.

The Scratching Post is produced twice a day for ConFurence 8, the premiere anthropomorphic convention, running Thursday evening through Sunday morning for 6 issues. Your *Scratching Post* staff is Brian & Lori Henderson. Submissions to *The Scratching Post* may be deposited in envelopes posted for that purpose, located conveniently around the convention. Deadline for the morning issue is 6pm the night before. Deadline for the evening issue is noon. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

They don't suspect we're here, Finley. Our plan succeeds!